

TO THE POINTE

Victoria Academy of Ballet

October 2015



Festival Permission Forms

Many General Program students will receive a Festival Permission form in each class that will be participating in festival this year. These classes include Ballet Levels 3 to Senior GP, Jazz A, B and C, as well as certain contemporary classes.

Please ensure your completed form is returned to the students teacher by November 14, 2015. One form is required for each class (ballet, jazz, contemporary) that is preparing for festival.

Halloween at VAB

Classes will run as usual on Saturday, October 31. Students are welcome to wear their costumes as long as they do not restrict vision or movement. Please leave props at home.



Have a happy and safe Halloween!



VAB Studio Policies

Since its conception in 1990, Victoria Academy of Ballet has acquired a reputation for consistently high standards of achievement through the commitment of the staff, students, and parents. The VAB Studio Policies have been developed to help maintain those standards. Please read though the policies and help us to maintain the high standards that VAB is known for.

[Click here to download the VAB Studio Policies](#)



October at a glance:

Bridge students participated in a workshop with Ballet BC company artists Kirsten Wicklund and Andrew Bartee.

Ms. Bellis began the first leg of the VAB International Audition Tour travelling to Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico to audition students for the Professional Training Program and Bridge Post-Secondary Program.

Select students from our General and Professional Program will travel to Vancouver to participate in the Cecchetti Workshop and Awards Audition. Good luck to all participants!

Nutcracker rehearsal have begun! Ms. Turner is working very hard as Rehearsal Directress as students from across Victoria prepare for performances in

December. Please see below for a complete list of VAB students chosen to participate in this exciting event.

Nutcracker

We would like to say congratulations to all VAB students chosen to be a part of Alberta Ballet's Nutcracker!



Florence Véran, Level 1 - Mouse

Ella Beames, Level 1 - Mouse

Mya Salina, Level 1 - Mouse

Sophia Dickson, Level 2 - Mouse

Sophia Tспенeyuk, Level 2 - Mouse

Hazuki Kishida, Level 5 & Pre-PTP - Party Girl and Palace Page

Airi Miyata, Bridge - Party Girl and Palace Page

Miki Takahashi, Bridge - Party Girl

Abigail Bowering, Level 5 & Pre-PTP - Party Boy and Palace Page

Karli Kuemper, PTP1 - Party Boy and Palace Page

Meilah Buckingham, Level 4 - Party Boy

Layanna Robinson, PTP1 - Palace Page and Rat

Madeline Crewe, Level 4 - Palace Page and Soldier

Molly Barkasy, Level 4 - Rat

Itsuki Atsuta, PTP2A - Rat

Megan Wong, Sr GP - Rat

Kristen Reid, Level 4 - Rat

Stella Redpath, Level 5 - Soldier

Julianne Holmes, Sr GP - Soldier

Seiji Suzuki, Bridge - Soldier

Risa Nagao, PTP2B - Soldier

Beatrix Bellosillo, PTP1 - Soldier

Nutcracker performances run from December 4th to 6th and the Royal Theater. Tickets are available through Dance Victoria's website.



VAB Scholarship Society News

We are now into the Fall VAB clothing/umbrella sale with quality items available again this year for all age students. Many people buy poinsettias for the Xmas and holiday season and its a great fund raiser for many non profit groups. VABSS will be taking poinsettia orders in early November.

Purchasing your holiday centre pieces and poinsettias from the VABSS will raise funds for student costumes, travel expenses for student competitors and exam and Festival entrance fees.

Thank you for your support and a reminder that we appreciate those families who are using the Thrifty Foods and Fairway Markets cards.

We would also like to give a big thank you to MOTHER COMPUTERS in Saanich Plaza who arranged for a much needed new Society computer at a very low cost. We appreciate the sponsorship of this company and hope that if you have a need for computer advice you will check them out.

Please check the VABSS Facebook page for updates. If you would like to volunteer, have an idea to share or would like more information please write us at vabss@telus.net

Important Dates

October 25 - Cecchetti Workshop and Awards in Vancouver

November 11 - Remembrance Day, No classes

November 14 - Festival Permission Forms Due

November 16 to 24 - Family and Friends Watch Week

November/December - Cecchetti Examinations

December 12 - Last Day of Classes for Foundational & General Program Classes

December 14 - Optional Make-up day from Thanksgiving

December 19 - Last day of Classes for PTP and Bridge Classes

January 4 - First Day of classes after Winter Break

January 7 to 11 - YAGP Competition in Seattle

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